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USUN NY, JULY 24, FROM GENEVA RPTD TO YOU:

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SUBJ 55TH ECOSOC-WEST ASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION

REF GENEVA 3831 AND PREVIOUS; SCALI-FERGUSON TELCON JUL 22

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY TWO SOURCES THAT FRAZAO IS CONSULTING EXTENSIVELY WITH LATINS AND AFRICANS ON POSSIBLE COMPROMISE FORMULA. ACCORDING TO SOURCES FORMULA IS TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ECWA SUBJECT TO A STUDY TO BE DONE WITHIN SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE FRAZAO IS STATING THAT IN HIS OPINION US WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ABSTAIN ALTHOUGH NOT SUPPORT AND THAT STUDY WOULD SHOW ECONOMIC NEED FOR COMMISSION OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP THEREBY DEMONSTRATE "RATIONAL BASIS" AND HENCE CUT OUT MAJOUR FOUNDATION OF USG LEGAL ARGUMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH REPORTEDLY FRAZAO MAKING PROGRESS THERE IS HARD-NOSED OPPOSITION LED BY MERVAT TALLAWY (EGYPT). ACCORDING TO REPORTS SHE GETS EXTREMELY EMOTIONAL ON ISSUE OF ECWA TAKING LINE THAT NO SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE WHICH IMPLIES ARAB ACCOMMODATION
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TO US VIEWS.

3. FRAZAO HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR FERGUSON THAT HE WORKING
ON A FORMULA WHICH WOULD PERMIT US TO ABSTAIN BUT HAS REFUSED
TO REVEAL TO US NATURE OF FORMULA HE PEDDLING.BASSIN

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